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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Notice – Public Notice DA 01-1264,
MB Docket No. 02-277**

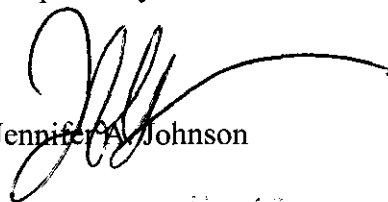
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 14, 2003, Alan Frank, President of Post-Newsweek Stations, Inc. and Chair of the Network Affiliated Stations Alliance (“NASA”), and NASA counsel Jonathan Blake and Jennifer Johnson of Covington & Burling met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein to discuss the current status of the NASA Petition for Inquiry filed on March 8, 2001, and now pending for almost 2 ½ years. NASA representatives discussed the need for certainty with respect to the legality of existing network affiliation agreement provisions, noting that the provisions in such agreements have become more aggressive in recent years and also pointing out that CBS has brought its affiliation agreements into compliance with the FCC’s rules. NASA representatives also touched on recent developments in Congress regarding the national television ownership cap and recent financial reports demonstrating the financial strength of the television networks.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s Rules, an original and three copies of this letter (two for each docket) are being submitted to the Secretary’s office, with copies to Commissioner Adelstein, Mania Baghdadi, and Qualex International.

Please direct any questions regarding this notice to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
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